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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (EAC)

- In 2009 and 2010, Congress appropriated \$8M to the EAC for the development of a grant program focused on accessible voting.
- The EAC awarded three grants:
 - Clemson University Coalition
 - Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)
 - The Military Heroes Grant to ITIF
- The grantees have produced approximately 45 research and development solutions for helping voters with disabilities.
 - Many of these results involve poll worker training



- 15.6 million people with disabilities voted in the November 2012 election
- The voter turnout rate of people with disabilities was 5.7 percentage points lower than that of people without disabilities. There would be 3 million more voters with disabilities if they voted at the same rate as people without disabilities.
- Almost one-third (30.1%) of voters with disabilities reported difficulty in voting at a polling place in 2012, compared to 8.4% of voters without disabilities.
- People with disabilities were just as likely as those without disabilities to say they were treated respectfully by election officials.



(Source: Disability, Voter Turnout, and Voting Difficulties in the 2012 Elections)